

Statement for the Record

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To help foster a culture in America in which all veterans are valued for their service to our nation, we need to do our part to assist those who have served in our military. One way we can honor them is to assist them when they visit national war memorials to remember all those who fought and are not here today.

Throughout the year, various veterans' groups visit national war memorials through honor buses and honor flights of various veterans' organizations. To obtain a permit in Washington, D.C. for their visit, oftentimes veterans' groups must pay administrative fees and other processing costs related to visiting memorials that have been built not only as a testament to their sacrifice, but also to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

For that reason, I ask you to pass this common-sense bipartisan legislation, H.R. 1702, the Free Veterans from Fees Act of 2019. This simple bill would waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans' demonstrations and special events at war memorials on Federal land.